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Application No.: 10/767,229
Filing Date: January 29, 2004
Inventor(s): Takuya MARUYAMA et al.
Title: **METHOD OF MANUFACTURING A SEMICONDUCTOR
DEVICE AND APPARATUS FOR MANUFACTURING A
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE**
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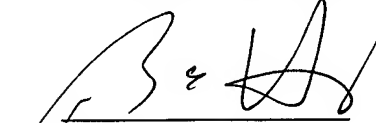
SIR/MADAM:

In response to the Office Action mailed on June 28, 2005, the period for responding thereto having been set to expire after July 28, 2005, Applicants hereby elect Group I corresponding to claims 1-12 and 15.

Applicants reserve the right to file a continuing and/or divisional application directed to any unelected claims. Early examination on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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